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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Morning Meeting of 22 July 1965

There was a discussion of the current SNIE on Vietnam. Kent noted that DIA desires to expand the text to take account of reaction to interdiction of key supply routes in NVN. It was agreed that when the preparation of the SNIE is complete, including dissents, the procedure will be to clear the SNIE by phone as there will be no USIB meeting.

DDI tabled a weekly report on trends and highlights of Communist statements on Vietnam.

DDI noted publication of a memo, previously requested by DCI, recapping French experience in Indochina in comparison with the current situation there.

DDI also noted publication of an Agency study on the ChiCom aircraft industry which is on the verge of production of jet fighters and bombers.

DDS referred to a BOB circular and a Public Law concerning health programs in Government agencies. Ours is a highly advanced program and serves as a model for other civilian agencies.

There was a discussion of the Vietnam situation. DCI referred to the need to develop plans, not only for South Vietnam but Southeast Asia as a whole, to improve intelligence collection and other operations. deSilva is at work on aspects of this. It was pointed out that the DDP has already outlined such a plan in conjunction with the need for supplemental funds and people in SEA, and the DCI will be briefed on this this morning. DCI wants to be in a position to recommend to the President and Ambassador Lodge, and our planning is not to be inhibited by the prerogatives of other U.S. agencies.

Houston sought and got approval to update Senators Anderson, Smith, and Symington of the Senate Space Committee and will arrange an appropriate briefing. Houston noted completion of the memorandum for the record on

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the DCI's appearance before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and has prepared a letter for DCI's signature to Chairman Fulbright. At DCI inquiry, Houston explained that all aftermath actions have been completed except for providing Senator Mundt with a memo on our training programs [redacted] This will take some time.

Bross reported on the extensive meeting of the [redacted] Reconnaissance Panel of the [redacted]. The Panel's agreement was unanimous that the [redacted] system [redacted] was the worst of alternatives. It was agreed that Bross will discuss this conclusion with [redacted] and suggest that [redacted] who appears to have approved the [redacted] system, be informed of the findings.

[redacted] noted that a Navy aircraft recently shot down in NVN may have provided the North Vietnamese with a [redacted] which had been aboard. The details of this are not certain and [redacted] undertook to find out more about this.

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Executive Director reported on the latest White House letters concerning budgetary matters. The Executive Director is scheduling a meeting in the auditorium Monday to pass the word on the implications of the economy drive.

Executive Director invited attention to a new Headquarters Regulation concerning casualty planning.

Executive Director referred to a Washington Daily News story of yesterday concerning an American sponsored tour of the U.S. by German boys. This was sponsored by an employee [redacted] at his own expense.

DDCI noted that he will be absent tomorrow.

DDCI explained that per instructions by higher authority, there will be no memos for the record circulated by him or DCI on the current White House meetings on Vietnam.

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DCI noted that the current economy drive and budget exercises are very real. He suggested that our budget work and planning should be undertaken by all hands as though there were no money and no programming and a fresh start be made to develop absolutely essential programs, all of which will need to be thoroughly justified.

ACTIONS

1. DCI asked DDI to prepare a brief paper as soon as possible highlighting the value of U.S. interdiction of supply lines North of Hanoi (including maritime supply operations) as compared with the greater difficulties of interdicting the supplies after they have reached Hanoi and begun movement to the South.

2. DCI asked Houston to do all possible to ensure that Senators Fulbright and Morse have read the CIA memo on the history of Communism in the DR.

/s/

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